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Aging

NOLA: MLNH 010000
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:55

Estrogen Study Lead Researcher on Risks, Benefits of Hormone-Replacement Therapy: Once a popular treatment for menopause symptoms, hormone-replacement therapy had come under scrutiny for raising the risk of certain diseases, but a new study found a reduced risk of breast cancer and other benefits for some women. Jeffrey Brown discusses the latest findings with Dr. Andrea LaCroix, the study's lead author.

Agriculture

NOLA: MLNH 010041
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:16

Europe's Deadly E. Coli Outbreak a 'Wake-Up Call' Over Global Food Distribution: A new strain of E. coli is sickening hundreds throughout Europe and leaving health officials baffled. Ray Suarez discusses the outbreak's global impact with attorney Bill Marler, who has worked on foodborne illness cases, and Cornell University food science professor Robert Gravani.

American History/Biography

NOLA: AMEX 002308
Series Title: Great Famine: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/11/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

When a devastating famine descended on Soviet Russia in 1921, it was the worst natural disaster in Europe since the Black Plague in the Middle Ages. Half a world away, Americans responded with a massive two-year relief campaign, championed by a new secretary of commerce, "the Great Humanitarian" Herbert Hoover. The nearly 300 American relief workers, "Hoover's boys," would be tested by a railroad system in disarray, a forbidding climate and — being among the first group of outsiders to break through Russia's isolation following the Bolshevik Revolution — a ruthless government suspicious of their motives. By the summer of 1922, Americans were feeding nearly 11-million Soviet citizens a day in 19,000 kitchens. THE GREAT FAMINE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE from producer Austin Hoyt (GEORGE H.W. BUSH: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE) tells this riveting story of America's engagement with a distant and desperate people — an operation hailed for its efficiency, grit and generosity — within the larger story of the Russian Revolution and the roots of the U.S.-Soviet rivalry that would dominate the second half of the 20th century.

NOLA: SEDE 001102
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: Lost in the Amazon
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A modern day quest to find the truth behind one of exploration's greatest mysteries: What happened to famed adventurer Col. Percy Fawcett who went looking for a city of gold — the Lost City of "Z" — in the Amazon in 1925 and disappeared in the jungles of Brazil forever? New archaeological digs, the science behind the discovery of "newly found" jungle cities and clues collected over the years reveal the fate of Fawcett. The program unravels the truth of what really happened to Fawcett, and shares surprising finds that are causing experts to re-think the image of a pristine uninhabited Amazon rainforest: a place that before Columbus, may have had large populations living in sophisticated towns and cities. Fawcett may have actually discovered these ruins fueling his fervor to find the city of gold. The myth becomes reality!

Arts

NOLA: INLE 001217
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Desert of Forbidden Art
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

"The Desert of Forbidden Art" tells the story of how a treasure trove of banned Soviet art worth millions of dollars was stashed in a far-off desert of Uzbekistan, and develops into a larger exploration of how art survives in times of oppression. The documentary is about a group of visionary artists and one man who risked his life to rescue their work.

NOLA: INLE 001218
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 4/24/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Centered on a rare interview that director Tamra Davis shot with her friend and contemporary Jean-Michel Basquiat over 20 years ago, INDEPENDENT LENS "Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child" is the definitive chronicle of the short but brilliant life of the young artist who revolutionized the New York art scene almost overnight.

NOLA: INLE 001219
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Waste Land
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Filmed over nearly three years, Lucy Walker's WASTE LAND follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his home country of Brazil, and to Jardim Gramacho, the world's largest garbage dump located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There Muniz photographs an eclectic band of catadores – pickers of recyclable materials – and works with them to "paint" their portraits using garbage. The resulting collaboration with these inspiring characters provides profoundly moving evidence of the transformative power of art and its impact on the human spirit.

NOLA: OMEM 000000
Series Title: Opry Memories
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/4/2011 5:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

OPRY MEMORIES will take you back to the golden era of country music. Join host John Schneider from the Grand Ole Opry House as he brings you stars like Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, George Jones and Loretta Lynn performing their biggest hits in the prime of their careers.

Business/Industry

NOLA: MLNH 010034
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/24/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:43

Chrysler Pays Back Billions in Bailout Loans: Is the Comeback Complete? Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne announced Tuesday that the company had repaid \$7.9 billion in debt and interest to the U.S. and Canadian governments, less than two years after receiving a bailout. Jeffrey Brown discusses the comeback with Paul Eisenstein, publisher of thedetroitbureau.com and Changing Gears' Micheline Maynard.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: MLNH 009998
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:29

Colo. Program Allows Wounded Vets to Recover One Step at a Time: Tom Bearden reports on LifeQuest, a Colorado organization helping wounded Afghanistan and Iraq veterans heal from physical and mental war wounds.

NOLA: INLE 001224
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Welcome to Shelbyville
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/19/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Set in the heart of America's Bible Belt, "Welcome to Shelbyville" focuses on a small Southern town as it grapples with rapid demographic change and issues of immigrant integration. The film captures the complexity of the African American, Latino, white and Somali subjects as their lives intertwine against the backdrop of a crumbling economy and the election of a new president.

NOLA: MLNH 010046
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/9/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:10

Go Fish? Not in Pacific Ocean Sanctuaries off California's Coast:
Correspondent Spencer Michels reports on the controversy over dozens of no-fishing zones off the California coast.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 010014
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/26/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:07:14

Supreme Court Takes Up Case on Data Mining by Drug Companies: Are prescription-drug records confidential medical data, or can drug companies use them to market their products? The Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday on some states' laws aimed at curbing the marketing process known as "data mining." Ray Suarez reviews the arguments with the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle.

NOLA: MLNH 010042
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/3/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:36

'Sesame Street' Tells You How to Get to Sunnier Days Financially: As part of his continuing coverage of Making Sense of financial news, business correspondent Paul Solman reports on how "Sesame Street" friends Elmo, Grover and Cookie Monster are teaching children smart ways to save and spend money - and how many adults could use a refresher on the basics of saving for the future.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: NETK 000147
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:14:59

In January, Camden, N.J., one of the most impoverished cities in the country, lost half its police force in budget cuts. In a time when massive local and state budget deficits are threatening cities' ability to provide basic services for their residents, how can struggling cities survive the financial crisis? This week, we visit Camden to explore possible solutions.

NOLA: FRON 002915
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: WikiSecrets
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/24/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

It's the biggest intelligence breach in U.S. history-the leaking of more than half-a-million classified documents on the Wikileaks website in the spring of 2010. Behind it all, stand two very different men: Julian Assange, the Internet activist and hacker who published the documents, and an Army intelligence analyst named Bradley E. Manning, who's currently charged with handing them over. Private Manning allegedly leaked the secret cables-along with a controversial video-in the hope of inciting "worldwide discussion, debates and reforms." Assange's stated mission has been to force the U.S. and other governments into maximum transparency through his whistle-blowing website. Through in-depth interviews with Manning's father, Assange, and others close to the case, veteran FRONTLINE correspondent Martin Smith tells the full story behind the leaks. He also reports on the U.S. government's struggle to protect national security information in a post 9/11 world.

NOLA: INLE 001225
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Two Spirits
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/20/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Fred Martinez was one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was brutally murdered at 16. This film explores the life and death of a boy, who was also a girl, and the essentially spiritual nature of gender.

Culture

NOLA: BILA 000101
Series Title: Black in Latin America
Episode Title: Haiti & Dominican Republic: An Island Divided
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the Dominican Republic, Professor Gates explores how race has been socially constructed in a society whose people reflect centuries of inter-marriage, and how the country's troubled history with Haiti informs notions about racial classification. In Haiti, Professor Gates tells the story of the birth of the first-ever black republic, and finds out how the slaves's hard fought liberation over Napoleon Bonaparte's French Empire became a double-edged sword.

NOLA: INLE 001223
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Beetle Queen Conquers Tokyo
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/29/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Beginning in the modern-day and working backward, "Beetle Queen Conquers Tokyo" explores the history of Japan's love affair with bugs. Using insects like an anthropologist's toolkit, the film uncovers Japanese philosophies that will shift viewers' perspectives on nature, beauty, and life, and counter the exigencies of day-to-day life.

Economy

NOLA: MLNH 010005
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/13/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:20

Obama Unveils Plan to Save \$4 Trillion via Spending Cuts, Tax Reform: In a speech at George Washington University, President Obama called for cutting the U.S. deficit by \$4 trillion over 12 years. His plan includes ending tax cuts for incomes above \$250,000, reducing defense spending by \$400 billion and exacting \$480 billion in savings from Medicare and Medicaid. Kwame Holman reports.

NOLA: MLNH 010048
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/13/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:59

Obama Pledges to Grow Economy as New Faces Join GOP Debate in N.H.: President Obama pledged Monday at an energy-efficient lighting plant in North Carolina to make good on a promise to grow the economy. Meanwhile, Republican presidential hopefuls were preparing for a second debate. Judy Woodruff gets an update on the 2012 campaign from Political Editor David Chalian, reporting from New Hampshire.

Education

NOLA: NETK 000149
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/15/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Nearly one year ago this week, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, causing one of the largest environmental disasters in U.S. history. How are residents of Grand Isle, La., faring one year after the incident? We revisit some of the families and business owners we met last year during the oil spill to find out. We also sit down with ecologist Carl Safina and ProPublica's Abrahm Lustgarten to discuss BP's regulatory failures and the accident's impact on the environment, and speak with energy expert Lisa Margonelli about the U.S.'s post-oil spill energy policy.

Also: As a follow-up to our popular "Fixing America" series, we feature another series of "big thinkers" — educators, administrators and policy-makers — who share their thoughts on how to fix American education. Jon Meacham also sits down with Jim Simons, founder of Math for America and one of the richest men in the country, to talk about his dedication to improving American mathematics education.

And: Jon Meacham delivers an "In Perspective" essay on the Constitution framers' decision that only native-born Americans may become President.

NOLA: MLNH 010011
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/21/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:37

Autism Now: Demand for Educational Resources for Children Outstrips Supply: For public school systems, the demand for special educational and treatment resources for children with autism often outpaces what is available. In the fourth report in his Autism Now series, Robert MacNeil looks at how two schools in the New York City area handle teaching children and teens with autism.

NOLA: MLNH 010037
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/27/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:15:59

Is a College Diploma Worth the Soaring Student Debt? As a growing number of students suffer soaring college debt, many questions are being raised about the value of higher education amid meager job prospects in a struggling economy. Jeffrey Brown gets four views on whether today's diplomas are worth the cost.

NOLA: MLNH 010043
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:15

Grading Schools: How to Determine the 'Good' From the 'Bad'? Students get graded by test scores, but how do we best determine if a school is "good" or "bad"? Education Correspondent John Merrow examines that question.

Employment

NOLA: MLNH 009997
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:28

Unemployment Rate Drops in March, but Economic Recovery Remains Fragile: The U.S. unemployment rate for March dropped to a two-year low of 8.8 percent. Ray Suarez discusses the numbers with Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisers and Catherine Mann of Brandeis University International Business School.

NOLA: WWIR 005040
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Encouraging new unemployment figures arrive as Congress debates the budget and tries to avoid a government shutdown. Also, the U.S. hands over some military control in Libya to NATO. Plus, the panel looks at the 2012 GOP hopefuls. Joining Gwen Ifill: Yochi Dreazen, National Journal; Greg Ip, The Economist; Naftali Bendavid, The Wall Street Journal; and Karen Tumulty, The Washington Post.

NOLA: MLNH 010042
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/3/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:04

'Utterly Disappointing' May Jobs Report: Why Aren't Businesses Hiring? The U.S. unemployment report for May showed a sharp slowdown in hiring and a small increase in the unemployment rate. Judy Woodruff discusses the new jobs numbers and what they mean for the struggling American economic recovery with Lisa Lynch of Brandeis University and Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Energy

NOLA: EOPM 000000
Series Title: Earth: The Operators' Manual
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/11/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

An operators' manual helps keep your car or computer running at peak performance. Earth science can do the same for the planet. In EARTH: THE OPERATORS' MANUAL, premiering on PBS at 10pm on Sunday April 10th during Earth Month 2011, join geologist Richard Alley as he travels the world, from New Zealand to China, Brazil, Spain and Morocco with stops in New Orleans, Texas and military bases in California. This accurate, understandable and upbeat report on the interconnected stories of humans and fossil fuels, Earth's climate history and our future energy options will leave you amazed at the beauty and bounty of the planet, inspired by human ingenuity, and optimistic about the future.

NOLA: MLNH 010050
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/15/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:20

'Fracking' for Natural Gas Continues to Raise Health Concerns: Energy companies are increasingly scouring the U.S. for natural gas deposits. As they do, one of the extraction methods they are using, known as fracking, is coming under sharp scrutiny for potential health consequences from the chemicals involved. Tom Bearden reports from Colorado.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NAAT 002811
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Survivors of the Firestorm
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The bushfires that tore through the Australian state of Victoria in February 2009 incinerated over a million acres of land, including key mountain ash forest ecosystems. Fires are a natural force of nature which spur regeneration, but the immediate aftermath of this giant firestorm was devastation. Kangaroos and koalas, wombats and wallabies, endangered possums and gliders, lizards, echidnas, birds of all kinds, and even fish that lived among these eucalypts were overcome by the flames. Millions died. But burned and traumatized survivors tenderly nursed back to health at wildlife hospitals showed a remarkable ability to bounce back, and the environment an extraordinary capacity for healing.

NOLA: NAAT 002812
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Salmon: Running the Gauntlet
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/1/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This film investigates the parallel stories of collapsing Pacific salmon populations and how biologists and engineers engaged in audacious experiments to shore up their numbers. Each of our efforts to save salmon has involved replacing their natural cycle of reproduction and death with a radically manipulated life history. Our once great runs of salmon are now conceived in laboratories, raised in tanks, driven in trucks and farmed in pens. The program goes beyond the ongoing debate over how to save an endangered species. In its exposure of a wildly creative, hopelessly complex and stunningly expensive approach to managing salmon, the film explores possible paths to salmon recovery.

NOLA: NAAT 002813
Series Title: Nature | Bears of the Last Frontier
Episode Title: City of Bears
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Bears are an ultimate icon of the wild, regarded as among the most successful wild animals on the planet. Three of the eight bear species in the world--brown bears, black bears, and polar bears--can be found in Alaska, one of North America's last truly wild frontiers. Nature joins adventurer and bear biologist Chris Morgan on a year-long motorcycle odyssey deep into Alaska's bear country to explore the amazing resiliency and adaptability of these majestic animals as they struggle to make a living in five dramatically diverse Alaskan ecosystems: coastal, urban, mountain, tundra, and pack ice.

NOLA: NAAT 002815
Series Title: Nature | Bears of the Last Frontier
Episode Title: Arctic Wanderers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

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Family/Marriage

NOLA: MYVI 000000
Series Title: My Vietnam Your Iraq
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/29/2011 2:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"My Vietnam Your Iraq" tells stories from Vietnam War veterans who have children that served in Iraq. The program showcases the pride and fear a family shares when one is deployed.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: INLE 001220
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Marwencol
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/8/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

After a vicious attack leaves him brain damaged and broke, Mark Hogancamp seeks recovery in Marwencol, a miniature World War II-era town he creates in his backyard.

NOLA: STIH 000000
Series Title: 3 Steps to Incredible Health! with Joel Fuhrman, M.D.
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 6/5/2011 2:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

3 STEPS TO INCREDIBLE HEALTH! with Joel Fuhrman, MD is a sixty-minute pledge program that directly addresses the crisis of obesity and chronic disease plaguing America. Over 65% of Americans are overweight or obese - and that number is growing just like our waistlines! Dr. Joel Fuhrman's revolutionary health plan is not about will power, it is about knowledge. 3 STEPS TO INCREDIBLE HEALTH! offers a healthy, effective, and scientifically proven plan for shedding weight quickly and reclaiming the vitality and good health we all deserve.

Media

NOLA: FRON 002913
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Fighting for Bin Laden
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/3/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the aftermath of the killing of Osama bin Laden, FRONTLINE presents two inside views of the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban. First, Afghan journalist Najibullah Quraishi--who reported last year's award-winning FRONTLINE film "Behind Taliban Lines"--once again journeys deep inside enemy territory. This time, he gains extraordinary access to a band of militants and foreign fighters in Afghanistan who say they're loyal to bin Laden and are readying a Spring offensive against the U.S. Then, FRONTLINE crosses the border into Pakistan, where correspondents Stephen Grey and Martin Smith go inside "The Secret War" against the militants. They uncover new details of a CIA "private army" of militiamen launching kill raids against al Qaeda and the Taliban inside Pakistan. They also find new evidence of covert support for elements of the Taliban by the Pakistani military and its intelligence service, the ISI. At a safe house not far from where bin Laden was killed, they make contact with one mid-level Taliban commander who tells FRONTLINE, "If they really wanted to, [the Pakistanis] could arrest us all in an hour."

NOLA: MLNH 010035
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/25/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:12:19

After 25 Years Atop Daytime TV, Oprah Takes Final Bow to Run Network: After 25 years, Oprah Winfrey signed off from her top-rated daytime television talk show for the final time Wednesday. Gwen Ifill discusses Oprah's lasting impact on television and American culture with Audrey Edwards, formerly of Essence Magazine, and The Los Angeles Times' Mary McNamara.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: AMEX 002310
Series Title: Soundtrack for a Revolution: American Experience
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/9/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Hear protest songs that energized the U.S. civil rights movement, with original performances by John Legend, Joss Stone, Blind Boys of Alabama, Richie Havens, Mary Mary, Wyclef Jean, and The Roots. Soundtrack for a Revolution, produced by Danny Glover, blends archival footage of civil rights leaders in the 1950s and '60s with current interviews from those who were there: Harry Belafonte, Andrew Young, John Lewis, and Julian Bond, and more.

NOLA: FRER 000000
Series Title: Freedom Riders: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/16/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In 1961, segregation seemed to have an overwhelming grip on American society. Many states violently enforced the policy, while the federal government, under the Kennedy administration, remained indifferent, preoccupied with matters abroad. That is, until an integrated band of college students -- many of whom were the first in their families to attend a university -- decided, en masse, to risk everything and buy a ticket on a Greyhound bus bound for the Deep South. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face to face with the challenge of correcting civil-rights inequities that plagued the nation. Filmmaker Stanley Nelson's inspirational documentary is the first feature-length film about this courageous band of civil-rights activists. Gaining access to influential figures on both sides of the issue, Nelson chronicles a chapter of American history that stands as an astonishing testament to the accomplishment of youth and what can result from the incredible combination of personal conviction and the courage to organize against all odds.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: NETK 000147
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/1/2011 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:02:19

Jon Meacham: Libya war didn't follow the law: President Obama has placed himself above democracy in launching a military campaign in Libya without congressional approval, says Jon Meacham.

NOLA: MLNH 010015
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/27/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:33

With Birth Certificate Release, Obama Urges Shift in National Dialogue: In response to revived, high-profile skepticism about his U.S. citizenship, President Obama released his long-form birth certificate Wednesday -- again showing he was born in Hawaii -- and said he didn't have time for "silliness." Jim Lehrer and The Washington Post's Dan Balz discuss whether the "birther" issue is now settled.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: FRON 002911
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Football High
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/12/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

High school football has never had a higher profile, with nationally televised games, corporate sponsorships and minute-by-minute coverage on sports websites. In northwest Arkansas, FRONTLINE examines one ambitious high school team working its way towards national renown. With a superstar quarterback at the helm, tiny Shiloh Christian is striving to join the ranks of the country's best high school teams-teams whose workout schedules, practices, and styles of play increasingly imitate the pros. But as high school players grow bigger, faster, and stronger, there are growing concerns about the health and safety of these young players-with rising rates of concussions, career-ending injuries, even death. In Arkansas, FRONTLINE documents a tragic story of heat-stroke injuries that reveal how weak regulation has created a crucial lack of athletic trainers at most high schools. It all raises a critical question: has the amped-up culture of high school football outrun necessary protections for the boys who play the game?

NOLA: GNOR 000000
Series Title: Games of the North
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/18/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

For thousands of years, traditional Inuit sports have been vital for surviving the unforgiving Arctic. Acrobatic and explosive, these ancestral games evolved to strengthen mind, body and spirit within the community. Following four modern Inuit athletes reveals their unique relationship with the games as they compete across the North. As unprecedented changes sweep across their traditional lands, their stories illuminate the importance of the games today.

NOLA: CRIA 000301
Series Title: Craft in America
Episode Title: Messages
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/24/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

This episode looks at the ways many craft artists go beyond skill to personal and political expression. They use craft to tell a story, prove a point, or bring attention to contemporary issues. Often their work is passionate and provocative. The artists selected for "Messages" express many different interests and points of view, but they have one thing in common: their skill and creativity are of the highest level.

Wisconsin glass artist Beth Lipman explores the symbolism of 17th century still life paintings through glimmering creations. New Mexico santero Charles Carrillo uses authentic materials to combine historic religious subject matter with contemporary culture. Baltimore quilter, sculptor, and performance artist Joyce J. Scott learned quilting and beading from her mother and draws from references as wide-ranging as Africa and comic books to focus on issues such as race and stereotyping. New Orleans metal and jewelry artist Thomas Mann is famous for his "Techno-Romantic" designs. He created a series of works called Storm Cycle of wall panels and accompanying brooches that document his beloved city after Hurricane Katrina.

NOLA: MLNH 010050
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/15/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:24

Skateboarding Becomes Catalyst for Change in War-Torn Afghanistan: Filmmaker Orlando von Einsiedel's "Skateistan" follows a Kabul skate park's founders and the kids who come there to have fun and perhaps jumpstart some changes in their country. This excerpt is part of The Economist Film Project series of independently produced films aired in partnership between The Economist and the NewsHour.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: SIPG 000000
Series Title: Shalom Sesame: It's Passover, Grover!
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 4/17/2011 8:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

It's almost time to celebrate Passover and there is no horseradish to be found. Grover, Anneliese, and Avigail put their heads together to track it down, but things get tricky when there is an Oofnik involved!

NOLA: FRON 002912
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Silence
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/19/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Producer Tom Curran and reporter Mark Trahan examine a little-known chapter of the Catholic Church sex abuse story: decades of abuse of Native Americans by priests and church workers in Alaska. The isolation of the villages and the absolute authority of the church over the Native population created an atmosphere where molestation could go unchecked and unreported. Also in this hour, a re-airing of "Flying Cheaper," a January 2011 investigation into the outsourcing of major airline repair work to lower-cost independent maintenance operations in the U.S. and abroad. Closing the hour will be a news update on "Flying Cheaper" from correspondent Miles O'Brien, as well as a follow-up on the story of Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei, who was taken into custody by government authorities days after FRONTLINE's March 2011 profile of him, as part of a larger crackdown on artists, bloggers, and human-rights advocates.

NOLA: INLE 001221
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: A Film Unfinished
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 5/15/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

This documentary examines a classic Nazi propaganda film used by historians for decades to provide insight into the realities of life in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942. The recent discovery of a second reel in an East German archive has thrown the veracity and intent of the Ghetto footage into question. It becomes clear as film and war historians examine the outtakes reel that Nazi propagandists and the SA had staged elaborate scenes to mislead the general public about what was really happening in Warsaw.

Science/Technology

NOLA: NOVA 003809
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Power Surge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Can emerging technology defeat global warming? The United States has invested tens of billions of dollars in clean energy projects as our leaders try to save our crumbling economy and our poisoned planet in one bold, green stroke. Are we finally on the brink of a green-energy POWER SURGE, or is it all a case of too little, too late? From solar panel factories in China to a carbon capture and storage facility in the Sahara desert to massive wind and solar installations in the United States, NOVA travels the globe to reveal the surprising technologies that just might turn back the clock on climate change. NOVA will focus on the latest and greatest innovations, including everything from artificial trees to green reboots of familiar technologies like coal and nuclear energy. Can our technology, which helped create this problem, now solve it?

NOLA: SEDE 001103
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: China's Terracotta Warriors
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/4/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The extraordinary story of China's 8,000 terracotta warriors begins two centuries before the birth of Christ. The First Emperor of China was preparing an extravagant tomb for his journey into the afterlife -- and decreed that he be protected forever by a monumental army. Since then no one has seen these ancient warriors in their original splendor, brightly painted and fully armed, ready to protect their Emperor for all eternity. Now this once mighty army will be returned to its former glory for the first time. Row upon row of life-size, lavishly painted warriors will rise from the dust of two millennia. But how was a terracotta army of this size made in less than two years using the technology of 2,200 years ago? Led by archaeologist Agnes Hsu, the investigation shows that the Chinese may have Henry Ford beat by more than 2,000 years with their own assembly line used to produce the 8,000-strong terracotta army. After the revelation of what the army really looked like when it was buried, biometric analysis to find out if these clay soldiers were individually modeled on living men. The tantalizing possibility is that the warriors are the actual representations of the warriors who served the Emperor in life and then became part of his Spirit Army.

NOLA: SEDE 001104
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The World's Biggest Bomb
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/17/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Beginning in the 1950s, American and Soviet scientists engaged in a dangerous race to see who could build and detonate the world's largest bomb. The results exceeded all expectations about how big a bomb could be built. This is a story where the United States led the way, but then left the field clear for the Soviet Union to break all records. Terrifyingly, the bomb-makers on both sides were flying blind as they pushed the technology far into unknown territory. The story of the race to build the world's biggest bomb has never been fully told. But this 50-year anniversary provides the perfect opportunity share this chilling story with the world.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 010010
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/20/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:48

LaHood: 2 Controllers Fired, but All Must Take 'Personal Responsibility': Federal officials moved to dispel new air-travel safety concerns after a military plane carrying first lady Michelle Obama breached the safety zone of another plane landing ahead of it. Gwen Ifill talks to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood about the latest in a series of incidents involving air-traffic controllers.

NOLA: MLNH 010028
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/16/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:29

News Wrap: Space Shuttle Endeavour Blasts Off for Final Mission: In other news Monday, Space Shuttle Endeavour blasted into orbit, marking the penultimate takeoff for the shuttle program. The launch attracted a large crowd including Gabrielle Giffords, wife of the mission commander. Also, Wall Street never got off the ground amid concerns over European debt and unease about the U.S. economy.

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: CIVW 000102 Stacked
Series Title: Civil War; The
Episode Title: A Very Bloody Affair - 1862/Forever Free - 1862
Length: 150 minutes
Airdate: 4/4/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:30:00

"A Very Bloody Affair - 1862" - 1862 sees the birth of modern warfare and the transformation of Abraham Lincoln's war to preserve the Union into a war to emancipate the slaves. Political infighting threatens to swamp Lincoln's administration, and Union General George McClellan wages an ill-fated campaign on the Virginia peninsula. The episode follows the battle of ironclad ships, camp life and the beginning of the end of slavery. Ulysses S. Grant's exploits come to a bloody resolution at the Battle of Shiloh, and rumors swarm about Europe's readiness to recognize the Confederacy. Episode two of nine.

"Forever Free - 1862" - Convinced by July 1862 that emancipation is now morally and militarily crucial to the future of the Union, Abraham Lincoln must wait for a victory to issue his proclamation. But there are no Union victories to be had, thanks to the brilliance of Confederate generals Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. With Lee's September 1862 invasion of Maryland, the bloodiest day of the war takes place on the banks of Antietam Creek, followed shortly by the brightest - the emancipation of the slaves. Episode three of nine.

NOLA: CIVW 000104 Stacked
Series Title: Civil War; The
Episode Title: Simply Murder - 1863/The Universe of Battle - 1863
Length: 150 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:27:46

"Simply Murder - 1863" - A nightmarish Union disaster at Fredericksburg precedes two clashes in the spring of 1863: at Chancellorsville in May, where Robert E. Lee wins his most brilliant victory but loses Stonewall Jackson; and at Vicksburg, where Ulysses S. Grant is prevented from taking the city by siege. There is fierce northern opposition to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and increasing desperation on the Confederate home front. Lee decides to invade the North again to draw Grant's forces away from Vicksburg. Episode four of nine.

"The Universe of Battle - 1863" - The Battle of Gettysburg is the turning point of the war. For three days, 150,000 fight to the death in the Pennsylvania countryside culminating in Pickett's legendary charge. Vicksburg falls to Union forces, draft riots rage in New York, black troops join the fight for the first time and western battles transpire at Chickamauga and Chattanooga. At the dedication of a new Union cemetery at Gettysburg, Lincoln struggles to put into words what is happening to his people. Episode five of nine.

NOLA: FRON 002914
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Kill/Capture
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 5/10/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Behind the strike that killed Osama bin Laden was one of the U.S. military's best-kept secrets: a covert campaign that officials have credited with taking out thousands of Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters. A six-month investigation by FRONTLINE has gone inside the military's "kill/capture" operations to discover new evidence of the program's impact -- and its costs. Under the command of Gen. David Petraeus, U.S. forces are carrying out an unprecedented number of targeted raids using highly classified intelligence, aerial drones and Special Operations Forces. But is the tactic working? In interviews with Gen. Petraeus, his senior commanders and, in rare footage with Taliban leaders and fighters, FRONTLINE producers Dan Edge (The Wounded Platoon) and Stephen Grey (Extraordinary Rendition) explore the logic behind the kill/capture policy and its consequences. Traveling into the lawless border regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan, FRONTLINE tells the story from the perspective of Afghan civilians, U.S. troops and the Taliban militants they are pursuing. After almost 10 years of fighting, this film examines the question: will kill/capture help end the war in Afghanistan?

Women

NOLA: MLNH 010047
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 6/10/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:37

Iranian Women Prisoners Detail Torture: 'Death Was Like a Desire': Thousands of Iranians took to the streets in 2009 as part of the Green Movement to protest a disputed presidential election. The government crackdown that followed included some women being imprisoned, tortured and raped. This report shares some of their stories. It is a co-production with The Center for Investigative Reporting.

NOLA: INLE 001222
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Bhutto
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 5/22/2011 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

As the first woman to lead an Islamic nation, former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's life story unfolds like a tale of Shakespearean dimensions. She evolved from a pampered princess to polarizing politician in the most dangerous country on Earth. Accused of rampant corruption, imprisoned, then exiled abroad, Bhutto was called back to Pakistan in 2007 as her country's best hope for democracy. Struck down by assassins, her untimely death sent shock waves throughout the world, transforming Bhutto from political messiah to martyr in the eyes of millions around the world.

Youth

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 4/5/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:44

Chicago Program Aims to Close Achievement Gap for Youngest Students:
Education correspondent John Merrow reports on a Chicago program that targets high-risk, low-income young children before they begin falling behind in school.